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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6381**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 135

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 2, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R Michael

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

(1) The bill requires a United States flag to be displayed in each classroom of a school corporation. The bill requires a school corporation to provide a daily opportunity for students to voluntarily recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The bill provides an exemption for students who choose (or whose parents choose for them) not to participate in the Pledge.

(2) The bill requires a school corporation to establish a daily one minute period of silence in each classroom. The bill repeals a law allowing an optional brief period of silent prayer or meditation.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* School corporations would be required to purchase enough United States flags to be displayed in each classroom of a school. Any additional expenditures would depend on whether a school corporation currently has sufficient flags to comply with the bill's requirement.

*Background:* There are currently 293 school corporations in Indiana, with approximately 1,900 public schools.

Based on a small sample of flag retailers, American flags can be purchased for prices ranging from \$2.50 to

\$19.50 each, depending upon flag size, material construction, and order quantities.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations.

**Information Sources:** Anyflag.com; Tidmoreflags.com; Martin's Flag Company; CVS Systems Inc.

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